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1. HORVATH VIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE ON MR. HORVATH'S VISA. WE HAVE STILL NOT RECEIVED THE APPROVAL, BUT KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING ALL YOU CAN TO GET IT TO US AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO ASK FOR THE ADVERSE INFORMATION ON HORVATH AND SEND IT TO US? HIS NAME IS A VERY COMMON ONE AND, BY LOOKING AT THE MATERIAL, WE MAY EVEN FIND THAT IT DOES NOT APPLY TO HIM. INCIDENTALLY, OUR OTHER PRIME COMMERCIAL CONTACT BY THE NAME OF EDE HORVATH IS ALSO TRAVELING TO THE STATES (BUDAPEST 3489). WE ARE JUST AS INTERESTED IN SPEEDY ISSUANCE OF HIS VISA.

2. BUSINESS VISAS. WE HAVE NOTED YOUR CAUTION OF BUSINESS VISAS. BOB TYNES WILL TRY TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

3. HARRIMAN PRESS CONFERENCE. WE HAVE REQUESTED A TAPE OF THE HARRIMAN PRESS CONFERENCE FROM HUNGARIAN RADIO, AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF THE MTI RELEASE. WE WILL FORWARD THEM AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THEM. IT APPEARS TO US AS IF THE HUNGARIANS HAVE CONFUSED A REF-
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ERENCE GOVERNOR HARRIMAN MADE TO THE LATEST EASTERN PROPOSAL IN THE MBFR TALKS WITH HIS COMMENTS ON SALT. UNTIL WE GET YOU THE TAPE, YOU MAY WISH TO REFER TO BUDAPEST 2916 (EXDIS) WHICH REPORTED SIMILAR REMARKS WHICH HARRIMAN MADE TO KADAR ON THESE SUBJECTS.

4. PUJA TRIP TO THE UNGA. WE HAVE GIVEN PUJA'S ITINERARY FOR THE UNGA VISIT AS WELL AS IT IS KNOWN AT PRESENT IN BUDAPEST 3391. YOU

WILL NOTE THAT HE PLANS A PRIVATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE AMBAS-
SADOR WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING MRS. HARRIMAN OF THIS, RE-
MINDING HER THAT PUJA WAS HARRIMAN'S OFFICIAL HOST HERE, AND SUG-
GESTING THAT THE HARRIMANS MAY WISH TO INVITE HIM FOR DINNER OR A
DRINK DURING HIS PRIVATE VISIT. IF THE HARRIMANS AGREE, AND IF
THEY COULD ASK THE SECRETARY TO ATTEND, WE WOULD GET MORE MILAGE
FROM THIS TYPE OF INFORMAL GET TOGETHER THAN WE WILL GET FROM THE
FORMAL MEETING WHICH WE ASSUME WILL BE SCHEDULED.

5. CSCE STRATEGY. ERIK RONHOVDE IS SEEING THE HUNGARIANS TODAY TO
PROPOSE THE CSCE COMMISSION STAFF TRIP TO BUDAPEST. WE WILL GET A
TELEGRAM TO YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE A RESPONSE FROM THE HUNGARIANS.
NEEDLES TO SAY, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT AND TO BEGINNING OUR
NEXT ROUND OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE HUNGARIANS.

6. WEIL VISIT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON ADDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS FOR WEIL. AS WE HAVE REPORTED, WE HAVE PASSED THE
SUGGESTIONS ON TO THE HUNGARIANS AND BELIEVE THAT THE APPOINTMENTS
WILL BE SCHEDULED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WE HAVE NO OFFICIAL WORD
THAT JENKS WILL BE TRAVELING WITH WEIL, BUT PLEASE LET HIM KNOW
THAT HE IS WELCOME TO STAY WITH HERB WILGIS IF HE WOULD LIKE. IF
BY ANY CHANCE HE AND WEIL PREFER TO STAY IN AT HOTEL, PLEASE LET
US KNOW SOONEST BECAUSE THE RESERVATION SITUATION HERE IS EXTRE-
MELY TIGHT.

7. EXIM VISIT. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FINE WORK ON OBTAINING
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THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION ON EXIM. WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD
PROMPTLY ON THIS, BUT BELIEVE, AS WE HAVE REPORTED, THAT OCTOBER
16 IS THE EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE. WE AWAIT CONFIRMATION FROM EXIM,
AS WELL AS GUIDANCE ON ANY PREPARATORY WORK THEY MAY WISH US
TO DO IN ADVANCE OF TH VISIT.

8. VISITS. SEPTEMBER IS SHAPING UP AS A BUSY MONTH. WE HAVE TWO
INR OFFICERS (KRAMER AND GRAVES), THE CSCE COMMISSION STAFF, THE
HOLSTEIN-FREISIAN ASSOCIATION, ICA DESK OFFICER BECSKEHAZY, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY WEIL, TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS, THE PRESIDENT OF FIRST
NATIONAL CITY BANK, A TSS ON MEAT AND DAIRY EQUIPMENT, AND THE EXIM
VISIT, ALL BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 7 AND OCTOBER 16. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
IF WE COULD PUT OFF UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 15 ANY OTHER VISITS,
ESPECIALLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD.

9. FAREWELL AND HELLO. THIS MAY BE OUR LAST OFFICIAL-INFORMAL
BEFORE TOM GERTH LEAVES THE HUNGARIAN DESK. IN SAYING FAREWELL TO
TOM, WE WISH ONCE AGAIN TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR HIS HARD
WORK AND COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR. WE HAVE ALWAYS
FELT THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE IN TOM AND KNEW THAT HE WAS READING OUR
TRAFFIC AND ACTING ON OUR REQUESTS. THIS IS AN INVALUABLE ASSIS-
TANCE TO AN EMBASSY. WE WISH HIM WELL IN THE ECONOMICS COURSE AND

HOPE THAT HIS ABSENCE FROM HUNGARIAN AFFAIRS WILL BE BRIEF.

10. AND A HEARTY "WELCOME ON BOARD" TO TOM LONGO. WE HOPE HE HAS
THE PAINT AND PLASTER PICKED OUT OF HIS HAIR AND FINGERNAILS AND
THAT HE IS READY TO STEAM AHEAD. WE MISS TOM HERE, BUT LOOK FORWARD
TO WORKING WITH HIM.
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